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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the W. Ridgewood Drive Bridge in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Cuyahoga County and the project is located at West Ridgewood Drive over West Creek, Parma, Ohio 44134.

The funding is designated to replace an existing bridge that was built in 1925. As typical life expectancy for bridges is 75 years, the bridge is beyond its service life and has a structural rating of 49.9 and is classified as "caution." The new replacement structure would also be wide enough for a multi-modal path.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the safety of residents. Funding will guarantee that this highly-trafficked, but outdated, structure is replaced in a manner that keeps residents safe. By including a replacement bridge that is wide enough to include a multi-modal path, the new structure will improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, reducing the likelihood of accidents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez
Member of Congress
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